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SUBJECT: UNESCO SECRETARIAT RECRUITMENT

REFERENCE: STATE 013872.

1. PERMDEL HAS UNOFFICIAL COPY OF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ADG EDUCATION POST (ED-278). UNESCO PERSONNEL CAREFULLY EMPHASIZED THAT ADVANCE COPY OF JOB DESCRIPTION HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY DG, THUS IT UNOFFICIAL. FERNIG IS CURRENTLY ACTING ADG FOR EDUCATION SECTOR.

2. WHILE PERMDEL RECOGNIZES STRONG USG INTEREST IN PLACING U.S. CITIZEN IN ADG FOR EDUCATION POST, BELIEVE REFTEL REFLECTS THAT DEPARTMENT SHARES VIEW THAT POST OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EVEN HIGHER PRIORITY. AMERICAN INCUMBENT, JACK FOBES, WILL OCCUPY DDG POST UNTIL EXPIRATION OF HIS CONTRACT, DECEMBER 31, 1975. PERMREP BELIEVES DG M'BOW WOULD AGREE TO EXTEND FOBES' CONTRACT.

3. IT OUR POSITION THAT U.S. CANNOT REALISTICALLY EXPECT TO HOLD DDG POST PLUS ADG POST FOR EDUCATION. DG M'BOW COULD NOT REASONABLY BE ASKED TO AWARD TWO TOP-LEVEL POSTS TO AMERICANS IN FACE OF TRADITIONAL PRESSURES OF OTHER BIG DONOR NATIONS, BLOCS AND GEO- UNCLASSIFIED

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TRAPHIC REGIONS FOR REPRESENTATION AT TOP ECHELON OF

SECRETARIAT.

4. FOBES WILL BE IN U.S. NEXT MONTH (SEE PARIS 01791)
AND IT OUR STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT DEPARTMENT GET
FIRM COMMITMENT FROM HIM WHETHER HE INTENDS TO EXTEND
OR LEAVE UNESCO. UNTIL WE HAVE SUCH COMMITMENT, BELIEVE
IT PREMATURE TO ENCOURAGE CANDIDATES FOR ADG EDUCATION
POST.

5. JUDGING FROM COMMENTS MADE RECENTLY BY SOVIET DEPUTY
PERMREP AND NUMBER THREE OFFICIAL IN THEIR DELEGATION,
ONE OPTION SOVIETS ARE CONSIDERING AS PROPOSAL TO DG
IN RESTRUCTURING UNESCO IS CREATION OF A SECOND DDG
POST. IMPLICIT IN SOVIET COMMENTS WERE THAT U.S. AND
USSR COULD EACH HAVE DDG POST. ALTHOUGH SOVIETS MAY
PROPOSE THIS, IN OUR VIEW IT NEITHER DESIRABLE NOR
REALISTIC, AND MOST LIKELY WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO PRC
AND THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WHO CONTROL THE VOTES TO
OVERWHELMINGLY REJECT SUCH PROPOSAL.

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